



OLD TOWN INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Green Road Poole Dorset, BH15 1QB

Tel:01202 673966 Fax:01202 687662

E-mail: oldtown.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk

www.oldtowninfantschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr Douglas Gubbins BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH



29th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

You may recall that back in November, we wrote to you about our school value of respect. Lots of you filled in speech bubbles and sent them back into school, celebrating how your child demonstrated respect outside of school and in the home. All of these responses were shared during our values assembly and also displayed in the school hall for all to see.



As we now move into the Spring Term, we would now like to hear about how the children are displaying the school value of INDEPENDENCE at home and 'out and about' in the community. Over the next fortnight, please can you have a chat with your child about our school character of Independent Izzy (see overleaf) and then, could you please take a moment to fill in the attached speech bubble and tell us about a time when your child has been independent outside of school.

EXAMPLES:

"David has been very independent by getting dressed by himself."

"Sarah wanted to build a model of a boat. She got the different resources that she needed and tidied away after she had finished."

Please can you send in the completed speech bubbles to class teachers by Friday 14th February 2025? We will then use these to complete a display celebrating independence at Old Town.

Many thanks.

What does INDEPENDENCE look like at Old Town Infant School and Nursery?

We take care of our own needs.

- We always try to do things for ourselves e.g. toileting, getting changed, washing hands, coats on pegs.
- We can look after and keep track of our own belongings e.g. jumpers, coats, water bottles.
- We are learning to get the equipment or resources that we need to help us with our learning.
- We can tidy away after ourselves when we have finished a job.

We encourage and celebrate everyone's individuality.

- We understand that we don't all need to be the same as each other
- We understand that being different and unique is something to be celebrated
- We do not say anything unkind to anyone who is different to us or has a different point of view.
- We praise our friends individuality and uniqueness

We can ask questions to help us learn.

- We know that we can learn from others around us – both grown ups and our friends
- We understand that asking questions to find something out or asking for help is not a bad thing
- We will not be unkind or laugh at anyone who needs or asks for help—we will always be supportive

We are able to do things by ourselves and can seek help if we need it.

- We take pride in our work
- We don't automatically ask other people to do things for us without giving it a try ourselves first.
- We know who we can turn to if we need help
- We are learning to use resources in the classroom to help us if we find our learning/job tricky

We can make improvements and learn from mistakes.

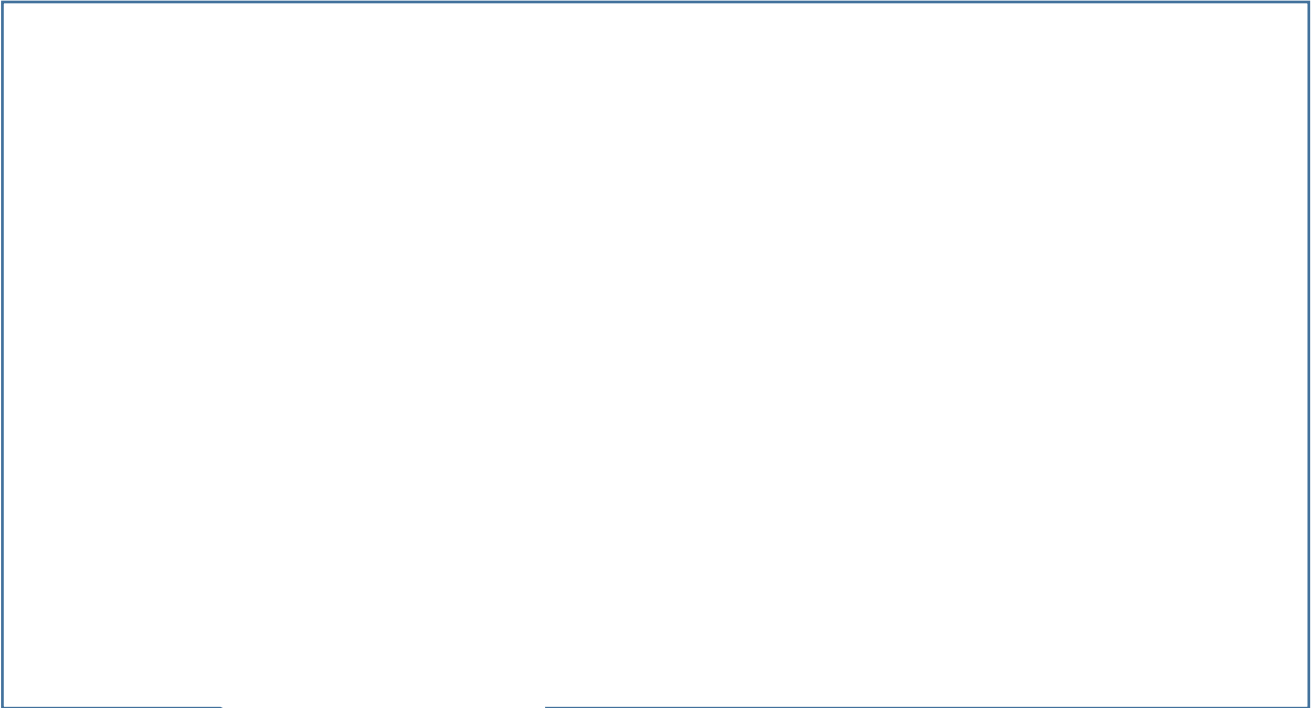
- We know that making mistakes in our learning is ok and that we can learn from these mistakes
- We can confidently talk about the things we can do well and also the things that we find tricky
- We are learning to listen carefully when a grown up tells us what we have done well and how we can improve our work.
- We are learning to make our own suggestions about how we can improve our work

We can make good choices and take responsibility for our own decisions.

- We try to make good choices as much as we can
- We try to set a good example to others with our behavior e.g. We do not copy other people's poor choices
- We understand that we are role models and ambassadors for the school
- We do not blame others if we make a poor choice
- We do not damage or deliberately spoil ours or anyone else's belongings.



Independent Izzy



Companies House Number:
10161526